

**Before the  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Docket No. 2016-4-G**

**Annual Review of Purchased Gas Adjustment and Gas Purchasing Policies  
of  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**

**Settlement Testimony  
of  
MaryBeth Tomlinson**

**On Behalf Of  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**



**June 29, 2016**

1 **Q. Ms. Tomlinson, please state your name, business address, and**  
2 **occupation.**

3 A. My name is MaryBeth Tomlinson. My business address is 4720 Piedmont  
4 Row Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina, I am employed as Manager of Gas  
5 Accounting at Piedmont Natural Gas Company (“Piedmont” or the  
6 “Company”).

7 **Q. Are you the same MaryBeth Tomlinson who prefiled direct testimony in**  
8 **this docket on June 2, 2016?**

9 A. Yes, I am.

10 **Q. What is the purpose of your settlement testimony in this proceeding?**

11 A. I will discuss and offer testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement  
12 reached by the parties of record (“Parties”) in the Annual Review of  
13 Purchased Gas Adjustment and Gas Purchasing Policies of Piedmont.

14 **Q. Please describe the Settlement Agreement reached by the Parties and**  
15 **filed with the Commission on June 29, 2016.**

16 A. The Settlement Agreement affirms the Parties concurrence that:

17 1) Piedmont’s gas purchasing policies and practices during the Review  
18 Period were reasonable and prudent;

19 2) Piedmont properly adhered to the gas cost recovery provisions of its gas  
20 tariff and relevant Commission Orders during the Review Period;

21 3) Piedmont managed its hedging program during the Review Period in a  
22 reasonable and prudent manner consistent with Commission Orders; and

1        4) The end-of-period balances for Piedmont's hedging and deferred gas  
2        cost accounts are those reflected in my prefiled direct testimony and the  
3        prefiled direct testimony of ORS witness Zachary J. Payne.

4        **Q. Is it the opinion of Piedmont that the Commission's approval of the**  
5        **Settlement Agreement is in the interest of Piedmont and the public**  
6        **interest?**

7        A. Yes. Following extensive review, examination, and discussions between  
8        Piedmont and the ORS, both Parties agreed to each of the matters stipulated  
9        above. The Settlement is offered by all Parties as a fair, reasonable and full  
10       resolution of all issues in this proceeding as signified by all parties being  
11       signatories to the Settlement Agreement. Piedmont believes that the  
12       Settlement Agreement reached by the Parties in this docket balances the  
13       concerns of the using and consuming public while preserving the financial  
14       integrity of Piedmont and that the Settlement Agreement does not inhibit  
15       economic development.

16       **Q. What is your recommendation to the Commission with respect to the**  
17       **Settlement Agreement?**

18       A. Piedmont recommends that the Commission approve the Settlement  
19       Agreement as filed in this proceeding.

20       **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

21       A. Yes it does.

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This the 29th day of June 2016.

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